

(C) CREATION OF ADVISORY UNITS.

THE SECRETARY MAY CREATE AND DETERMINE THE SIZE OF ANY ADVISORY UNIT FOR THE DEPARTMENT AS HE CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection presently appears as Art. 41, §208(c).

The present introductory phrase "{i}n addition to the Maryland Transportation Commission" is deleted as superfluous; the present phrase "in his discretion" also is deleted as unnecessary in light of the term "may" and the phrase "as he considers appropriate".

The only other changes are in style.

As to use of the term "unit", see revisor's note to § 2-102 of this subtitle.

(D) SEAL.

THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY SHALL HAVE A SEAL TO AUTHENTICATE COPIES OF RECORDS OR PAPERS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection presently appears as Art. 41, §208(n).

The present reference to records or papers "in his office" is deleted because "office" is an ambiguous concept that could be interpreted to mean only the office of the Secretary or, alternatively, the Department in general. Consequently, the phrase "of the Department" is substituted because the probable legislative intent is that the seal be used to authenticate all official Departmental documents and papers. As revised, the subsection conforms to the similar provisions appearing in Ag §2-103(d).

The only other changes are in style.

(E) PLANNING RESPONSIBILITY.

THE SECRETARY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL PLANNING ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT AND FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A CONTINUING, COMPREHENSIVE, AND INTEGRATED TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS. THE SECRETARY SHALL DEVELOP AND, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR, ADOPT A STATE MASTER PLAN FOR TRANSPORTATION TO GUIDE PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND TO FOSTER EFFICIENT AND ECONOMICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES THROUGHOUT THIS STATE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection presently appears as Art. 41, §208(f).